

3. The Applicants have appealed the rejection of all claims in Application Serial Number 08/984,561 in an attempt to resolve apparently contradictory information contained in each of the Rosich and Manning references.
4. It is believed by the Applicants' representative that the issues presented in the appeal of Application Serial Number 08/984,561 are intertwined integrally with, and comprise a major portion of, the rejections tendered by the Office in all of the other, related matters.
5. "Examiners should not consider *ex parte*, when raised by an applicant, questions which are pending before the Office in *inter partes* proceedings involving the same applicant.", citing *Ex Parte Jones*, 1924 C.D. 59, O.G. 681 (Comm'r Pat. 1924). M.P.E.P. § 709.01. While the appeal is not an *inter partes* proceeding, it is believed by the Applicants' representative that the same interests would be served, and most important, that the resources of the Patent and Trademark Office would be conserved, by reserving the activity of the Office in the non-appealed matters until the issues under appeal are resolved.

PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

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CONCLUSION

Under the circumstances outlined above, the Applicants respectfully request suspension of action in the matter of Application Serial Number 08/650,719 under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a) for six months, and would further ask the Technology Center Director to consider and approve additional suspension requests by the Applicants in this matter, as needed, until the issues in related Application Serial Number 08/984,561, now appealed, are fully resolved..

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